

# Spread the Western Worker Soviet Anniversary Edition

A Personal Message to Each Reader

From Al Richmond  
Editor, Western Worker

I WISH first to thank each of you for the generous and warm support given the Western Worker.

If there had been any doubt whether the progressive-minded people of the West wanted a daily paper of their own to the point of helping its publication materially, that doubt has been dispelled by the unprecedented response to our drive for a daily paper.

That response is a victory for all of us. And it is with deep feeling that we can connect our victory with the greatest victory of mankind in all of its long history—the victory of Socialism over one-sixth of the earth's surface in the Soviet Union.

November 7th is a red letter day in humanity's calendar. On that day, in 1917, the toiling section of humanity claimed the largest single country in the world as its own. Let us make November 7th a red letter day in our present effort to advance the interests of the working people by giving those interests an articulate voice—a daily paper.

Soggy writers and foggy observers cannot understand the temper of the Soviet people because they cannot understand the great sacrifices they made to attain their goal. After the Civil War, when Soviet industry was in a seemingly hopeless chaos, the people threw their full energy into the job of reconstruction. They organized Krasny Subotniks (Red Sundays) where each worker donated a free day's work to industry.

Perhaps you have seen the famous picture of Lenin, leader of the Soviet people, carrying a log on his shoulders, joining with the workers of the land in one of these Red Sundays.

Lenin, one of the greatest minds mankind produced, pitched in. We are asking you to pitch in on a Red Sunday. On Oct. 30-31, we wish to distribute throughout the West a special edition of the Western Worker, containing rich, informative and interesting material on the Soviet Union. Won't you join this Red Sunday in your city and help spread the message of Socialism and help build a daily voice for Socialism?

In addition, as the Soviet workers donated a day's labor for their industry, we ask you to make a similar contribution for YOUR paper. We ask you to give it in the form of a day's wages.

These are the propositions I have to make:

1. That you join with us in the Red Week-end of October 30th.

2. That you join the thousands of readers who have already given their day's pay.

Let us fittingly mark the 20th anniversary of the Russian Revolution in the inspiring tradition of the Soviet workers who made that revolution possible.

## Daily Drive 32 Per Cent Completed

The Pacific Coast's drive for funds to start a daily Western Worker crossed the third-way mark this week with progressives and Communist Party members having turned in a total of \$11,189.86, according to announcement made on Monday by the State Drive Committee.

With seven weeks, or 41 per cent of the allotted time already gone, the drive now stands 32 per cent complete.

San Mateo County finished in first place with quota fulfilled 100 per cent. For other drive details, see Page 6.

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# FRENCH FLEET CIRCLES SPAIN COAST AS BRITISH GIVE WAY TO MUSSOLINI

## LABOR UNITY TALKS OPEN, AFL HEAD SUES

Move Made to Smash CIO  
Longshoremen in Suit  
Filed by Sapiro

SAN FRANCISCO—As AFL-CIO peace negotiations opened in Washington on Monday, Pacific AFL officials took another step in their avowed war against the CIO and its strongest affiliate on the Coast, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Aaron Sapiro, attorney, filed suit on behalf of M. Frederiksen as "an individual and president of the International Longshoremen's Association," Tacoma local, to enjoin the ILWU from exercising any rights under existing contracts with the shippers.

Reports from Seattle indicate that the suit was filed with the sanction of William Green, AFL president who has mouthed pious phrases on peace. Also interesting to observers was the fact that Sapiro has been seen at the recent Denver AFL convention in company with Teamster Union officials who are the spearhead of the attack on the CIO and had been heard to ask for Joseph P. Ryan, Green-appointed czar for the shipping industry.

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## OUST KENNEDY, NMU DEMANDS

BALTIMORE, Md.—Removal of Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy and Daniel S. Ring, member from the U. S. Maritime Commission because of "their bias and prejudice against organized labor," particularly the CIO, is asked by the National Maritime Union in a petition to President Roosevelt last Sunday.

The NMU took action after 14 members of the S. S. Alice crew were arrested last Saturday on trumped-up charges of "conspiracy to deprive the captain of command of his ship in a foreign port."

Shipowners' Agent

Wirin requested a committee to consist of an equal number of private citizens and members of the police department headed by a man chosen by the Commission to investigate the beating of Mahoney and other similar

## Cops Crush Skull Of Helpless Youth In L. A. Outrages

Citizens Plan Drastic Action As Officials  
Begin Whitewash of Sadists  
On Police Force

By BOB HALDEN

LOS ANGELES—Indignant citizens prepared action against police brutality here this week following an attempt by the police commission to whitewash the merciless slugging of a helpless worker by policemen at the Lincoln Heights Jail.

Victim of the outrage was Harry Mahoney, 29, of 1524 S. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills.

Arrested last week on a drunk charge, young Mahoney is now critically ill in the Queen of the Angels Hospital, suffering from internal injuries and a fractured skull.

An account of Beating A vivid account of the treatment given young Mahoney by the police was made public last week in a letter of Arthur H. Sweetman Jr., who was arrested at the same time as Mahoney.

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## PG&E Labor Poll Begins As AFL Union Withdraws

SAN FRANCISCO—Meetings early this week will settle details for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company labor elections, ordered a week ago by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington.

The stories regarding the Algie were "such compounds of falsehoods as to expose the complete character of the commission and its chairman as unfit for its present role as a judicial body," declared Whalen.

When the Algie docked at Montevideo, Uruguay, the crew refused to work with scab stevedores, reporting them so incompetent that "between 7 and 8:30 o'clock on the morning of September 10, a number of accidents both to crew members of the Algie and to the inexperienced stevedores took place in the handling of the cargo."

Confering with Mrs. Alice M. Rosser, regional board director, will be company officials; officials of the California Gas and Electric Employees, a company union; and officials of the United Radio and Electrical Workers Union, CIO affiliate.

It is understood that the AFL affiliate in the field, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, although certified for the ballot, will withdraw. Officials have said that they do not wish to enhance a possible company union victory by making it a three-cornered race.

P. G. Downing, company spokesman, has hinted that the company may appeal the decision but there has been no definite confirmation of such a move.

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## INCUMBENTS EADE ISSUES OF S. F. VOTE

C.P. Endorses 4 for Stand  
Against Picketing Law  
and Subway Bonds

San Francisco voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 2, to ballot on propositions and candidates, among which four major issues stand out: graft, high living costs, civil liberty and bonded indebtedness.

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## Progressive Merger Heralds People's Victory in the West

E. L. Oliver Says Prospects In East  
Brighten National Picture for Prog-  
ressive Political Action

By TOM PATTERSON

E. L. Oliver came to California bringing with him the status of permanent state affiliation to the California People's Legislative Conference, which forthwith adopted the name of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

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Local Autonomy Assured

He told the Western Worker that this action followed correspondence and earlier conferences, capped by a vote of the national officers of the League.

The official announcement said that the objectives of the two organizations are identical and added:

"It should be stressed that this affiliation in no way subjects the California Conference to the domination of the national organization. Instead it puts the available resources of the national behind the California organization to carry out our common purposes."

The new branch of the Non-Partisan League is headed by A. F. Gaynor, official of the Railway and Steamship Clerks, who was elected state chairman at the convention of the conference last June. It had functioned actively in pressing labor's political demand before the state legislature and in local communities since early last January, when it was formed by a state-wide conference of unions and other progressive organizations.

C. P. Endorses Four

Judging the records and promises of the supervisorial candidates themselves, the Communist Party found only four whom it could command for election. They were Miss Anita Whitney, the Party's own candidate; George R. Andersen, labor attorney; Mrs. Marjorie January, leader of the League of Women Shoppers, and Herbert Nugent, Workers' Alliance leader and secretary of the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

The latter three of these candidates were endorsed also by the Honest Government Committee, a united front body initiated and supported by what is now Labor's Non-Partisan League, and comprising a wide representation of CIO and AFL unions and non-labor progressive organizations.

Incumbents Evade Issue

Incumbents and all other supervisorial candidates, apart from the four whom the C. P. endorsed, were silent on the question of police graft and the disclosure of the Atherton report and grand jury investigation which had resulted in the re-signation of four high officials in the Rossi administration.

The same silence marked the campaign for the "Union Labor Party" ticket, for which the official endorsement of the affiliated AFL unions was driven through without discussion and in disregard of the CIO Industrial Council's urgent plea for a joint consideration of candidates.

Without even so much as extracting a public promise of opposition to the anti-picketing ordinance, the leaders of the AFL endorsed Incumbent Supervisors Reilly and Roncovier, together with the Cincinnatus candidate Joseph Sharp and former Supervisor Andrew Galligher of the Photo Engravers' Union. The sole candidate endorsed alike by the Honest Government Committee and the Union Labor Party was Supervisor James B.

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## SUB SINKS SHIP AFTER DUCE'S SPAIN GESTURE

Soviet Press Warns Delay  
Favoring Mussolini  
In Spain

LONDON—The French government, definitely reacting against British Tory support of Mussolini, Monday dispatched warships and a fleet of ammunition-laden destroyers to the Mediterranean following three successive "pirate" attacks on French shipping and the machine-gunning of a French air mail base by an unidentified seaplane.

A complete repudiation of the country's acquiescence in the British Tory policy was expected at the Wednesday meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee, where France was expected to demand an immediate agreement for the withdrawal of all "volunteers" from Spain and a curb on Italian activities in the Balearics and Morocco.

Pirate Attacks Again

Failing to get such an agreement, France was announced as ready to withdraw from the Non-Intervention Committee and re-assume "freedom of action."

The new "pirate attacks," coupled with reports of increased shipment of Italian troops to Spain, followed the Italian "agreement" for a partial withdrawal of troops after a neutral commission had studied the question of volunteers. The delay favoring Mussolini had been advocated by the British delegation.

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E. L. OLIVER

California will undoubtedly attain a far greater influence.

Does this mean the election of more progressive assemblymen?

"It means electing more progressives and making heavier inroads into the senate which has been a big barrier in California. It also means the exertion of far greater influence on those now in office."

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Progressives' Prospects

"With the formalizing of its organization on a planned basis," said Oliver, "the League in California will undoubtedly attain a far greater influence."

The Honest Government Committee was initiated by the county.

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## Spain Hero Home Again, Brings News From Front

By CLINT DUFF

# Subway Bond Cost Falls on Small Owners

C. P. Urges Defeat; Calls for Plan to Make Those Who Will Get Profits Bear Heaviest Cost

By TOM PATTERSON

It is one thing to say that San Francisco needs a subway system, and the daily press of San Francisco is saying that very loudly and very dramatically. It is not a hard thing to say, for it is obviously true and generally recognized.

Street cars move along Market Street at a snail's pace. If dilapidated rolling stock and bumpy road beds on the Market Street Company's cars were not annoying and dilatory enough, San Francisco has proved itself thoroughly disgusted with that company's one-man cars and its hiking of fares by the 2-cent transfer system.

To quote the San Francisco Communist Party's earliest statement in the current campaign:

"The proposed subway system is from a technical standpoint a splendidly progressive, modern rapid transit plan, which would immeasurably improve San Francisco's outmoded and inadequate transportation facilities."

What is left out of the propaganda of the proponents and most of the opponents of the subway bond issue, however, is the method of financing.

#### Small Owners Pay

No bond issue over the present assessment rolls of San Francisco is a fair bond issue. It simply means distributing the heaviest portion of the cost over the great majority of small home and shop owners, and the interest cost on the subway bonds alone is nearly double the 49 million dollars which is the estimated price of building the subway.

#### I.W.O. Lodge in Oakland Holds Funeral for Member

OAKLAND—Funeral services for Joe Ellis, who died after a two-day illness from an attack of acute appendicitis, were conducted Monday, Oct. 18, by Hungarian Lodge No. 1038. International Workers' Order. Ellis was 23 years old. He is survived by a widow and two children.

## WHERE TO GO

### IN CALIFORNIA

LIST YOUR PARTIES, AFFAIRS, MEETINGS

15c a line cash with copy

ATTENTION, AFFAIR COMMITTEES! Place the dates of your affairs with Western Worker Co-ordination Committee to avoid duplication.

#### Affairs for the Daily "Western"

#### San Francisco

Halloween night party Saturday, Oct. 30, by YCL, 121 Haight street.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat., Oct. 30th, 8 p. m. Adm., Men, 25c; Women, 10c. Ausp. Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

Reception to A. B. Victor, well known author and lecturer, Sat., Oct. 30, 8 p. m. at Druid's Temple, 44 Page St., near Market. Refreshments, good program. Auspices Jewish Bureau.

One cock-eyed night! Hallowe'en, Saturday, Oct. 30. Refreshments. Entertainment by assorted Cain raisers. 1364 Fifth Ave., Adm. free. Benefit Daily Western.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 5:30 p. m. at 1848 Pine Street, 20th Anniversary Russian Dinner and Program. Daily Western Brigade No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6. Dreamland Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Carnival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m. 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Eufon Sat., Nov. 20, 8 p. m., 836 Divisadero St., cor. McAllister. Refreshments, games, all kinds of amusements. 23rd and 26th A. D. Branches C. P.

3-DAY FESTIVAL & BAZAAR, Fri., Dec. 31, Sat. and Sun., Jan. 1 and 2, 121 Haight St. All sorts of articles at bargain prices. Pageants, movie, restaurant. Dance on New Year's Eve. Proceeds for Daily Western Worker.

**Other Affairs**

East Bay

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium, November 5th 8 p. m.

Let's go to Hayward to celebrate! Hallowe'en masquerade, Oct. 30th. 771 Cherry Way. Bonfire, dancing, turkey auction and games for all.

## 'Please Don't Eat Here, Buddies!'



AMERICAN LEGION visitors in New York pass by a picketed automat after reading messages of greeting on their banners. Earlier in the convention some Legion playboys took the signs as an occasion for fun-making, but after the union directed its appeal straight to the Legion, most of the delegates saw a new light in their struggle for a living wage.

## VICTIMS OF C. S. LAW TO TALK IN S. F.

### Mass Meeting Scheduled in Scottish Rite Hall Wed. Evening

SAN FRANCISCO—Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane, all three recently released from San Quentin after winning their appeal against conviction under the Criminal Syndicalism Act, will speak at a victory mass meeting Wednesday night, Oct. 27, at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, one of the leaders of the legislative campaign to repeal the law, and Herbert Nugent, secretary of the California Conference for Repeal of the C.S.A. Act, will also speak.

The meeting is sponsored jointly by the Maritime District Council, the International Labor Defense and the Conference for Repeal, all of whom will be represented on the platform.

### Pension Union To Ask U. S. For Increase

SEATTLE—A demand that Congress, at its November 15 special session, match dollar for dollar, without limit, the appropriations of individual states for old age assistance, will keynote the first annual convention of the Washington Old Age Pension Union at Broadway High School, Seattle, November 6 and 7. Roy Everett, general secretary of the Citizens' Committee, is himself a juror.

## Grand Jury in L. A. Quarrels Over Vice; Ignores Conspiracy

### Jury Filled With Employers Connected With Politicians; Disregards Violence Against Labor

BY IRVING KREITZBERG

Hear ye! The grand jury of the County of Los Angeles is now in session. Solemnly it sits, though not very silently, conducting hearings.

For the past few weeks it has been deliberating over charges made by the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigating Committee that there is an "unholy alliance between vice lords and the public officials" of Los Angeles. The head of the Citizens' Committee is himself a member of the Citizens' Committee, facing custer from the County Charities Board for taking bribes from Guy McAfee, reputed gambling boss.

In a letter to Dr. R. L. Smith, Mr. Clinton admitted that all his men were being blocked by certain jurymen, that he couldn't trust them. He named John E. Bauer, foreman, as the principal obstructionist and accused him and others of being tied to the corrupt political machine.

#### Advertised Raids

There have been spectacular raids on bawdy houses (always accompanied by press cameras), grave pronunciamentos and charges and one-man investigating committees and threatened exposures of officials, and nothing has happened, except that Dr. Wilkinson, himself a member of the Citizens' Committee, is facing custer from the County Charities Board for taking bribes from Guy McAfee, reputed gambling boss. This is in direct violation of the signed agreement the Workers Alliance has with the State WPA office and those standing on their rights are being told that they will never again be granted relief if they do not accept these impossible conditions. Despite this men responding to the orders of the state employment office usually find no job.

In Los Angeles, Nofz said workers are being forced out of the fields by police terror. Officers are visiting the homes of workers, especially Mexicans, telling them to take their children out of school and go out into the agricultural fields or face arrest.

The grand jury is an important part of any such setup.

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The foreman of the grand jury, John E. Bauer, is a paint manufacturer. His firm received paint and lacquer contracts amounting to \$25,000 from the Shaw administration although his bid was 42 cents a gallon higher than the other competitors.

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**Sells to City**

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But why go on? The grand jury's composition and its recent activities are without a doubt glaring examples and a stirring object lesson to the workers of Los Angeles why a labor should present a united political front against the Shaw and Fitts machines.

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# Wages Increase 1050 Per Cent In the Workers' Land of Plenty

Soviet People Share Benefits of Planned Economy While Monopolists of U. S. A. Hog Workers' Product

By GEORGE P. HITCHCOCK

MOSCOW—Total wages paid out to Soviet workers and office employees have risen one thousand and fifty per cent during the ten years from 1927 to 1937, figures disclosed here reveal.

Total wage bill for 1927 amounted to 3,838,600,000 rubles. The average taken over the first nine months of 1937 show that 71,400,000,000 rubles will be paid out to workers this year.

During the same time the total number of citizens employed in industrial and office work rose from 11,600,000 to 26,000,000.

But these figures do not tell the whole story of the economic achievements of the past few years. Prices have been slashed time and again, amounting in the case of some goods to as much as a 70 per cent reduction in cost.

## Real Wages Higher

Thus real wages have risen far more than the figures above would indicate.

The most astounding proof of the tremendous economic progress achieved in the Soviet Union, however, is given in the figures released by the conservative French "Bulletin Mensuel de Statistique" (Monthly Statistical Bulletin). With 100 as the index figure for the year 1929 they trace the progress of industrial production (which includes all salable goods) in both the Soviet Union and the entirety of the capitalist world.

In the capitalist world the index sank rapidly from 100 to 63 by 1932 at the depth of depression. By the first half of 1937 production in the capitalist world had just edged itself up above the level of 1929—to 102.5.

Meanwhile, what was happening in the land of Socialism? To begin with there was no depression. Under a society planned for the equal benefit of all its members the "crisis" as we know it, disappears completely.

## The March Upward

The figures for the Soviet Union? In 1930, 130.9; in 1931, 161.3; in 1932, 183.4; in 1933, 198.4; in 1934, 283.3; in 1935, 293.4; in 1936, 332.3.

And in the first half of 1937 industrial production was at the figure of 414.2, or over four times the amount of goods were being produced than in 1929!

Naturally this tremendous and unbroken upward surge in production meant that an increasing amount of commodities were being distributed among the people.

Figures on the increase of consumption per head in the Soviet Union are interesting. With the inauguration of the second Five Year Plan in 1932 the emphasis in production turned to producing consumption goods—that is, clothing, food, radios, and all the thousand and one things the average citizen wants.

In 1932 these consumption articles were produced to the value of 20,200,000,000 rubles. By 1937 on the successful completion of the second Five Year Plan 43,000,000,000 rubles worth of consumption goods were being produced a year.

In other words the number of articles of clothing, food, furniture, radios, etc., had more than doubled in that time!

## The Price Cuts

But what of actual consumption? Do the workers receive these excess goods? Here are the figures comparing consumption in certain foods for 1936: the figures given show 1936 consumption per head as a percentage of 1932; bread, 128.2 per cent; potatoes, 107.2 per cent; fruits and berries, 194.9 per cent; meats and fats, 187.8 per cent; pork, 326.6 per cent; sausage, 326.6 per cent; all dairy products, 192.1 per cent; milk, 266.6 per cent; eggs, 192.1 per cent; sugar, 142.8 per cent.

This means, for instance, that the average worker now consumes approximately twice as much fruit as he did in 1932, three times as much sausage, etc.

## Before the Revolution

Pre-revolutionary Russian workers had wages, hours and

productivity incomparable to anything in America and Europe and comparable only to the Chinese Asiatic standard. A factory survey of 1908 showed that the average wage was 20 rubles and 50 kopeks—about \$12 a month—with a work day from 10 to 12 hours. Trade unions were suppressed and the country's resources belonged to private capitalists, chiefly foreigners. There were 30,000,000 poor peasants concealed in the army of the unemployed and pressing on the labor market.

The World War further exhausted the country, which recovered economically about 1928. Hence the chief gains in the living standard are attributable to the two 5-year plans of the past decade.

Today, as a result of the victories of socialist planning, twenty-two million members of 163 trade unions possess 5,653 club buildings, 13,000 libraries, hundreds of sanatoriums and sport stadiums. They also administer gigantic social insurance funds which tripled in the last six years reaching, in 1936, nine billion rubles, equal to a tenth of the whole national income. It includes over a billion rubles in disability and age pensions. Health resorts served 1,500,000 workers. Maternity benefits grew 10-fold in the last four years reaching nearly a billion rubles.

Besides social insurance, other vast sums, which come under the state and union social services included students' stipends, free medicine, cultural services, totaling 600 rubles annually per worker, thus adding the equivalent of two to three months' wages.

**Whither America?**

What has happened in the United States during the same period? The United States is the richest and most prosperous of all the capitalist countries and in many respects still surpasses the Soviet Union in industrial production and standard of living.

But where is it going? Is it improving under capitalism or is it getting worse?

Right now industrial production figures show that production is hovering around 101, or in other words, after eight years of struggle we have only managed to regain the 1929 level.

At the same time we have a permanent army of unemployed, amounting to around 7,000,000 persons.

And prices? We do not have to introduce figures to know that commodity prices are sky-rocketing. But the conservative National Industrial Conference Board reports that during the last year wholesale prices have risen throughout the nation to the tune of 11 per cent.

But do the big monopolists absorb this price rise? Judge for yourself. In the first quarter of 1936 United States Steel announced a net profit of \$3,376,000. In the first quarter of 1937 the same company announced a net profit of \$25,562,000.

In other words, in one year this company enjoyed a 746 per cent increase in net profits. No wonder it did not want to risk a strike with the CIO!

This is but a sample. Other corporations made advances almost as startling.

The American people are being caught between the pincers of lowered wages and less employment on one hand, and mounting prices plus an "economy of scarcity" on the other.

**Ask CIO Boycott Japan**

WASHINGTON—An appeal to the CIO for boycott of Japanese goods and to prevent the loading of ships destined for Japan was received here from Madam Sun Yat-Sen, widow of China's George Washington."

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## Moscow Workers Study Jumping



JUMPERS dot the Soviet sky as massed parachute jumps become common place in the USSR. In America, where aviation is now a monopoly of finance capital, three huge air恩ers have recently crashed.

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### Labor Has Every Reason to Boycott the Chest Drive

THE Community Chest in San Francisco asks labor and the friends of labor to help finance a knife in their own backs.

The issue on which the Maritime Federation District Council has declared a boycott against the Chest is a clear issue. For years the Chest has contributed to an open scab-herding outfit, the Seamen's Church Institute. Nor was there any attempt to disguise the Institute's activities.

This would certainly be enough in itself, but the Chest's refusal to aid the Union Recreation Center caps the climax. Even its own research committee said the Center fulfilled all that the Chest was supposed to support in the way of recreational facilities for the waterfront community, that the Center offered the alternative, especially for seamen, to beer halls and dives.

Only one reason for Chest refusal remained. It had been clear sooner. It was crystal clear now. The Chest is anti-labor.

But the Chest is anti-labor in more than the Recreation Center situation, in more ways than its open aid to strikebreaking—deliberately strikebreaking, with malice aforethought.

Is it not remarkable indeed that the outstanding open shippers and reactionaries of the city offer the facilities of their payroll department to take your contribution out of your pay check?

And the same reactionaries fight tooth and nail against decent relief to the unemployed; they fight to cut WPA and force workers to accept the misery of agricultural wages or complete unemployment.

In short, the Community Chest is a valuable weapon in their hands to make a show of "charity" while using every weapon at their hands to prevent the working class from getting any real relief.

In short, the deliberate support of strike-breaking flows directly from the purpose which reactionaries have in mind when they support the Chest in the first place. It is far cheaper for them in the long run than any program which would substantially benefit the working class. And it is used to stand in the way of such a program.

The District Council's resolution urges that contributions be made directly to institutions which actually serve the underprivileged, and there are some within the Chest organization. But to contribute to the Chest directly is to contribute to a knife in the back of labor.

The Western Worker urges labor and its friends to support the boycott.

### The Tories to the Aid of Mussolini and Franco

TRUST the British Tory cabinet to come to the relief of Mussolini when he needs it most. It has done so again, and the headlines say that Mussolini has "backed down."

Instead, Mussolini has been given what to him is a welcome delay at a time when he needed it badly. That is the actual meaning of his agreement to a "token" withdrawal of troops after a commission has studied the matter and suggested a basis on which the withdrawal should be made.

Firm opposition of the Soviet Union prevented the British cabinet from going the whole hog and granting belligerency status to the Italian, German and Moorish army which is nominally commanded by General Franco.

Delay was the objective. Delay, the Tories got for him.

First the Mussolini agreement was branded as a concession, then as a master stroke of strategy. Only a little time, supposedly, was necessary for Franco to "annihilate" the government armies. Strategy it was, but not a master stroke. It is the strategy of assassins who are being beaten and who want a breathing spell.

No one realizes any better than Mussolini and the British Tories that the indignation of democratic forces everywhere against the fascist invasion is a rising tide. They know that the demand for the withdrawal of all Italian troops, which is the demand of the Soviet Union and of the masses everywhere, is one which neither the Tories nor the open fascists can ignore completely.

The Soviet Union is the staunch advocate of this demand: Remove all the Italian troops from Spain! Or cut out the false non-intervention pose altogether and allow the government of Spain to get arms and support from wherever they are available.

### The Drive Against Labor Through the SRA

LABOR strivings to drive up its wage scales has another offensive to combat.

Forced labor camps in Los Angeles, Kern, Ventura and Alameda Counties have just been opened. Paralleling this, relief has been almost entirely cut off in Kern County and is being trimmed elsewhere.

The State Relief Administrator in Bakersfield makes no bones about it. He boasts that he is cooperating with the Associated Farmers to "guarantee" a plentiful supply of agricultural workers—at scab wages.

This isn't the private problem of the agricultural workers and the unemployed. It is a stab at labor and the organizations of labor, and the officials of the state, entrusted with federal funds, are deliberately and openly carrying it out.

And the only reason they can go so far as they have, is this, that the labor movement and its allies have not become alarmed at it, have not flooded relief heads with protest, have not sent delegations to demand the restoration of relief to those in need, have not picketed the offices of the relief stations, have not voiced their collective protest with sufficient vigor to Washington and Sacramento.

Cutting off relief means that the government is acting as a strike-breaking agency.

Forced labor camps for single men, with a pay of \$2.50 per month only on condition of "good behavior," i.e., acting as stool pigeons, is not only a disgusting and miserable insult to labor, but it is a dangerously fascist method.

The labor movement cannot afford to be silent, and its protests must be immediate and positive. There will be buck passing. But a flood of protest resolutions should be addressed to Harold G. Pomeroy, state relief administrator, 785 Market Street, San Francisco; to the State Relief Commission at the same address; to Governor Merriam and the State Welfare Board at Sacramento, and to Federal Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins.

### We Want a Touchdown

IT'S FIRST down and two more first downs to go for the goal line in the Daily Western Worker drive.

Or, to translate the language of the season into more common-place English, the \$10,000 mark has been passed in the \$35,000 drive!

That, undoubtedly, IS something! But, to revert to the language of the season, there isn't very much time left to play.

It took seven weeks to go over the first \$10,000. There are ten weeks left to raise the additional \$25,000. The simplest of mathematics show that a faster pace is needed from now on if the goal is to be reached. Even discounting the fact that it took some time to get under way and gather momentum, the drive has been lagging behind in its race with time.

The most heartening feature of reaching the \$10,000 mark is that it shows that money can be raised, that people are willing to contribute for a daily progressive paper.

That token is the best stimulus for further effort.

Second down, or \$20,000 must be reached by November 7th.

Let's go in there fighting. There are fresh reserves who have been sitting on the bench until now. Their place is in the game. There are many plays up our sleeve which haven't as yet been used.

Let's give it everything we've got. We want a touchdown!

### Herndon---The Negro's Answer to Fascism!

FASCIST bullets tinged blood-red a name on memory's scroll of heroism last week.

Lifeless on the Zaragoza Front in Spain lay young Milton Herndon, while the winged name of Herndon flew faster 'round the earth, defying all hated tyrannies and prophesying freedom for peoples long oppressed.

Precisely on that day when Herndon fell, five thousand of his people listened while another Herndon urged them to carry on their century-old battle for democracy and progress. It was Milton's brother, Angelo—he who dared the terror of a Georgia chain gang—speaking to the second convention of the National Negro Congress in Philadelphia.

The convention heard and acted. They cheered beloved Angelo. They resolved to carry on the struggle, to fight for liberty and peace, to oppose fascism and war.

Here was an answer worthy of the name of Herndon.

Here is the answer of the Negro people to the chauvinists and war-makers—Angelo leading the struggle for liberation, Milton lying dead on a Spanish battlefield, with his gun-muzzle aimed at the flag of international fascism.

For the world's enslaved and suffering people, the name of Herndon is a synonym for hope.

## IN RED SQUARE LIES THE BODY OF BELOVED LENIN

By VSEVOLOD IVANOV

(Continued from last issue)

OCTOBER 1919. It is over a year that Moscow has again become a capital. This time it is the Capital of Labor. There is a parade on the Red Square. Red Army commanders on review. Among them we can already find the leaders of tanks and armoured cars. After the review, the parades leave to put in their last "subbotnik" (a Socialist work day), before boarding trains—before going out to vanquish the enemies who are invading the country on all sides.

Hard days await these Red Commanders. They will be rapidly thrown from the Northern to the Western Fronts. They will be shipped south to the Caucasian Front. The Turkestan sands will burn them. The Siberian cold will freeze them. On the numberless fronts, wherever Stalin's tireless energy, iron will and military genius, constantly prepare deadly blows for the enemy, the Proletariat has decisive victories. The Red Commanders those mighty fellows, joyously look upon the Red Square covered with pools of water, mud and torn out cobblestones. They look upon all the pedestals, armed with sacks, upon this grey sky, and cheerfully think: "Very well, the root must have been torn out by now!"

The Red Commanders were not the only ones out on a "Subbotnik." The whole country went out to work—repairing streets, unloading freight cars, felling trees. In 1920, the First of May was celebrated as a Subbotnik all over the country. There was no parade on the Red Square that day. The Party announced: "We will celebrate the great day by organized joyful work."

They were cleaning up the Kremlin. In the yards, near the Kremlin walls, there was a sea of mud. Smashed wagons piled up, guns abandoned by the White Guard Junkers, half rotten sandbags, matting, boards and beams. Groups of people began piling all this rubbish into wagons.

"Ilyitch, Ilyitch!" . . . runs through the crowd.

"Where, where is he?"

A group of eight men are carrying a great heavy log on their shoulders. Among these eight, carrying the log, was Lenin.

The rifles, thoroughly cleaned, stand idle in their racks. The artillery is covered up. Both are now used only in drills. The newspapers no longer have "news from the fronts." The parades on the Red Square grow ever younger. The old folks have returned to their machines and lathes, to new creative and marvelous labor.

The country is working and studying, singing and happy. But the terribly cold January of 1924 brings this country almost lifeless. The Red Square is lit up



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by the misty red flames of bonfires. A biting leaden-grey wind blows over the crowds standing by the bonfires, over

the Red Army men, immobile, like frozen statues. All over the Red Square—the sound of falling axes, the squeak of wagons, bringing over new supplies of fuel.

There are bonfires all around the House of Trade Unions. Nurses circulate through the throngs to treat frost-bitten people. There is a line-up of people for many long blocks. They have come to pay homage to Lenin, lying in state . . . Lenin is dead. His body is in the great Hall of Columns. The Marshals of the Revolution stand in continuous

(The Western Worker presents Vsevolod-Ivanov, one of the Soviet Union's best and best loved writers, who describes the caravan of Russian history as it moved through Red Square. It is a brilliantly written history, the major portion of which is devoted to Russia since the revolution. We offer to our readers as an absorbing explanation of events since the Revolution of 1917 whose twentieth anniversary will be celebrated next month. —ed.)

guard over his bier. Great throngs of people flow past Lenin's immobile face.

Towering high near the Kremlin Wall, a great cube is rising. It is completed. Its doors are wide open. Over its outer wall

is the single word: "LENIN."

Row upon row of stern faced Red Army soldiers on guard.

Tears are rolling down their weather beaten faces. Ilyitch is coming through their ranks. For the last time. Tenderly carried upon shoulders of devoted, trusty friends and comrades.

Coming into the Red Square.

At exactly 9:30 a.m., the funeral cortège enters the Red Square. Loving hands lift the heavy casket to a great pedestal,

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## TO CALIFORNIA SOCIALISTS

Comrades and Friends:

Six months ago, and a year ago, we appealed to the rank and file of the Socialist Party and its sympathizers to work with the Communist Party on a program of unity of action in the labor and progressive movements of California. We asked for joint activity against vigilantes and the suppression of civil liberties by the open-shop reactionary employers. We appealed for support of the Spanish people's fight against fascism. We urged that Socialists and Communists together should work for the development of independent political action by labor, leading to the eventual building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

But we also warned our Socialist comrades of a disturbing factor in the situation. We told them from our own experience, that the entrance of Trotzkites into their party would disrupt and eventually wreck the party, and would prevent any united front action. Now that has come to this conclusion of their own accord and from their own experience: that the Trotzkite disrupters must be driven out, if the Socialist Party is to be saved.

**Progressive Step**

The expulsion of the Trotzkites by the New York Socialist Party is a step in the right direction. The action of the National Executive Committee of the S.P. in suspending the California state organization and re-organizing it, will only be effective if it weeds out those disruptive elements who have plotted to create a national split

rupters enter the Socialist Party, because we knew it would wreck the Party. If the accusations were correct, we would be glad now to see the destructive effects of the Trotzkites seizing control of the California state organization, driving out most of the sincere Socialists, and splitting the S.P. into a maze of quarreling factions.

But we are NOT happy to see that our predictions have proven correct. We would rather see the Socialist Party take its place as a constructive, progressive force in the labor and political movement of California. We would rather have a united front of Socialists and Communists on a common program. And that is why we hail the fact that sincere Socialists have come to this conclusion of their own accord and from their own experience: that the Trotzkite disrupters must be driven out, if the Socialist Party is to be saved.

**Unfair Accusation**

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## FRENCH FLEET CIRCLES SPAIN

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gates and had immediately been denounced by the Soviet press as a deliberate evasion, giving the Italians time to continue its invasion while tying the hands of any supporters of the Loyalists.

**Pravda** and **Izvestia** printed dispatches which said that "Mussolini, in no way tied down, will have as formerly the possibility of sending to General Franco's assistance troops and arms without hindrance."

The warning was immediately borne out in the increased Italian activity in Spain, with 300 Caproni bombers mobilized in the Biscay province to carry out a "Guernica" massacre of civil-

ians after the capture of Loyalist Gijon.

### Soviet Proposal

It was borne out in the new "pirate attacks" which included bombing and sinking the French steamer Oued Mellah Sunday near the Balearic Islands, the attack on the air mail base in the Minorca Islands and attempt by Spanish "insurgent" vessel to capture the French freighter Procida.

The Soviet delegates, denouncing the British program under which the Italian fascists have increased rather than decreased their activities, demanded that a 7-to-1 proportion be established as the basis for troop withdrawals from Spain.

Persistent rumors in the wake of the British aid to Mussolini said that the Tory government had decided to bank definitely on a Franco victory, molding its foreign policy on that basis.

has "absolute knowledge" that General Francisco Franco's foreign troops number 100,000 men, while the Loyalists have only 10,000 or 12,000 foreign anti-fascist volunteers.

Ambassador Dino Grandhi of Italy renounced even the terms of the British proposal which he had formerly accepted and under which Italy gained every advantage. He announced flatly that Italy would



## CIO ACTIVITY WINS RAISE FOR PICKERS

Finance Companies Forced  
To Advise Farmers to  
Pay \$1 Scale

SAN FRANCISCO—CIO activity in San Joaquin Valley has won a general wage increase of 10 cents a hundred pounds for cotton pickers. A month ago picking began at 90 cents a hundred, at least half the growers now pay \$1, with the others falling rapidly into line, announced the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Finance companies, who advance total crop costs to 90 per cent of the farmers, refused to allow over 90 cents per hundred, but some farmers did meet the union scale.

Under union guidance, pickers promptly quit 90 cent jobs for \$1 jobs. Soon, after urgent demands by farmers, the companies grudgingly advanced the \$1 rate to a few farmers. This week, however, the companies capitulated by advising farmers to meet the \$1 demand.

A completely unpredicted shortage of pickers hastened the increase. Earlier, thousands of impoverished dust bowlers streamed into the Valley, so the cotton growers' conference in Fresno in September voted to pay 90 cents, 10 cents less than last year, despite the fact cotton acreage this year is 25 per cent over 1936.

Unexpectedly, dust bowlers began returning to the mid-west drawn by reports of good crops. One stage depot in a small town registered 352 tickets to Oklahoma in one week. Also farmers learned experienced pickers would not work at 90 cents.

Most farmers receive a bonus of up to \$5 a bale for all cotton delivered before rain hits the crop. When it became apparent bonuses would be lost without more pickers, several farmers offered \$1. At first "non-conformists" were intimidated into again reducing wages but the "epidemic" spread too rapidly for control.

Farmers who originally paid \$1 have now lost their advantage; \$1.10 offers are appearing. To a considerable degree, the CIO agricultural union is responsible for the wage increase. When farmers offered \$1, union organizers arranged to supply full picking crews. The news spread rapidly among workers, and scores of walkouts occurred as pickers demanded \$1. Frequently the demand was met. When it wasn't, the pickers walked out, even though forced temporarily to work in another field at 90 cents.

Soon second picking will begin. Union members demand \$1.25 a hundred, a slight increase because pickers will average less poundage.

Successes in cotton, tremendously increased the prestige of the UCAPAWA, which is growing rapidly.

## LABOR UNITY TALKS OPEN

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laid down procedure for the discussion.

Scheduled to be discussed was the four-point program of the CIO, which is:

1. That the AFL agree to a joint unity conference comprised of large delegations (50 or 100) from each side to analyze all issues which have split the labor movement.

2. That the AFL agree to endorse industrial unionism and promulgate organization drives along these lines in the mass production industries.

To Defend Unions

3. That the AFL guarantee not to partition the CIO into a series of craft unions but allow it to return intact to the re-united labor movement.

4. That, in return, the CIO will rejoin the AFL and not raise any strong objections to President William Green's continuance in office.

After the first day's session, Philip Murray, spokesman for the 10-man CIO delegation and head of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, stated: "This is not a temporary conference. It will take up the main questions in dispute tomorrow morning."

George M. Harrison, chairman of the three-man AFL delegation and president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, said: "This is a full-fledged conference and will attempt to negotiate a final settlement."

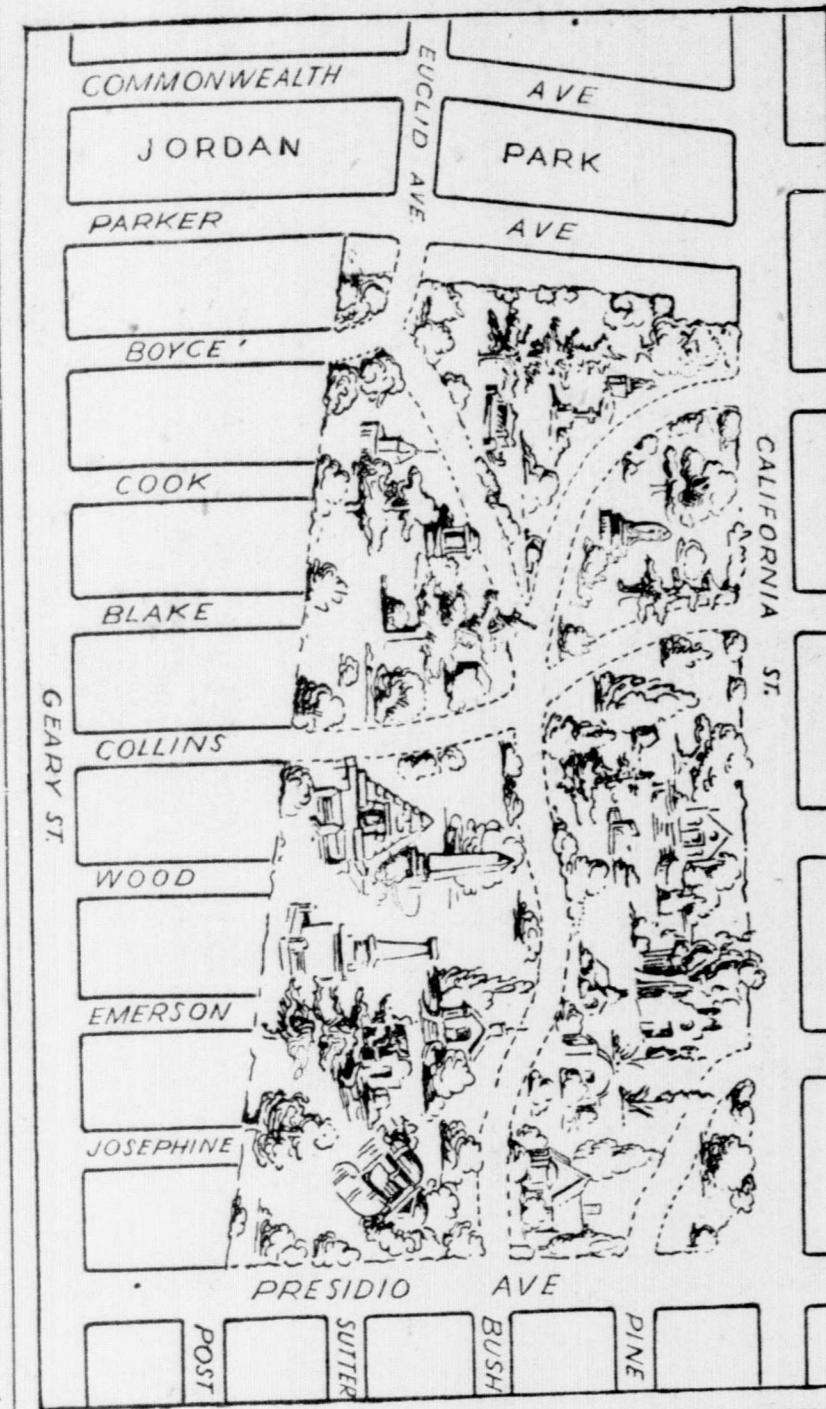
In addition to Murray, the CIO delegation includes Sidney Hillman, David Dubinsky, Harvey Fremming James B. Carey, Sherman H. Dalrymple, Homer Martin, Michael Quill, Joseph Curran and Abram Flaxer.

San Francisco

## Laurel Hill Issue Is Park For People or Graft for Sharks

### Proposal On Ballot Conceals Aim of Realty Speculators

The accompanying diagram shows the site of Laurel Hill cemetery.



SAN FRANCISCO—If the ordinance for removal of the bodies from Laurel Hill Cemetery is voted down, the entire tract of 54 acres will be offered gratis to the city for a memorial park and play ground.

If the ordinance is approved, it will mean inevitable subdivision at a profitable figure for real estate speculators.

This is the alternative offered to the voters on Proposition No. 5 of the November 2 ballot. The signatures of more than 50,000 San Francisco voters were responsible for putting the proposition before the voters after the board of supervisors had voted last April to order removal of the bodies and, inevitably, subdivision.

A written promise of the Laurel Hill Cemetery Association is the voters' assurance that the tract will be given to the city for a park. The Association's proposal calls for opening streets and eliminating the traffic obstruction. A small part of the tract would be kept as a memorial, retaining the monuments of pioneers famed in the city's earlier history. The largest part would become a regular park and playground.

## Alameda Party Pushes Drive for Funds, Members

### Building Trades Unit Tops All Others in Progress Toward November 5 Goal

Mr. A. L. Kennedy of the Industrial Department of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce attributes the efficiency of production per man-hour to climate. He says that Labor in

### C.S. Victims to Share Alameda Rostrum With Clarence Hathaway

OAKLAND—Clarence A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker and Central Committee member of the Communist Party, will speak at the East Bay celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Soviet Union in Oakland Auditorium Theater, Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.

Pat Chambers and Caroline Decker, both freed on appeal from sentences under the California Criminal Syndicalism Act, will also speak.

Entertainment at the meeting will include a Soviet film showing and singing by the combined Jewish workers' choruses of San Francisco and Oakland.

### Seattle Plans Hathaway Meet

SEATTLE, Wash.—The big Northwest mass meeting on November 10, with Clarence Hathaway and Bill Dunne as main speakers, will celebrate both the 20th anniversary of the October Revolution, and the 150th anniversary of the American Constitution.

The theme of the big Civic Auditorium meeting will be "Communism is 20th Century Americanism."

The mass meeting will also be

in the nature of an opening gun for the March city election campaign, in which the Communist Party is leading the campaign to unite all progressive forces for the defeat of strikebreakers Mayor John Dore. Defeat for Dore will mean a serious crack in the brutal rule of Dave Beck, West Coast Teamsters' czar.

**Present Status**

Last January we registered 320 members; in the next six months recruited 215 (an average of 30 per month). Yet our mid-year registration gave us only 330 members. The average dues payment for the first six months was 270, for the next three months, 278. The fact that some 50 members, especially miners, left town and were transferred is only a secondary factor. In September we recruited 49 new members, but two "Party Builders," only, were responsible for most of these comrades from Cannery and Building Trades Units. In July and August we averaged 40 per month. For the first three weeks in October we recruited 37, and 390 dues stamps have been sold.

This means that there are

scores of comrades who are be-

hind two, three and four months in their dues—as reported at the membership meetings last week.

A number of our branches and industrial units must sell 50 and 100 dues stamps each—THIS MONTH—in order to get every member in good standing.

We must recruit 65 more new members by Nov. 7th.

### Alameda Mass Meeting

OAKLAND—The East Bay International Labor Defense is sponsoring a mass meeting at which all of the Criminal Syndicalism Prisoners will speak. The meeting will be held Oct. 31, at 8 p.m., in Carpenters' Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland.

This meeting will mark the renewal of activity in the East Bay, to repeal the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law.

San Bernardino

### Celebrate

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## Japanese Boycott Growing

### LABOR VICTORY SEEN IN MERGER

Progressive Action Prospects Bright Says Oliver

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ly organization of the Legislative Conference, now the Non-Partisan League.

#### Victories in East

Oliver was aware of and interested in the recent conference of progressive forces called by the "Committee of 100" in Fresno, which he said was "not at all inconsistent with the program of Labor's Non-Partisan League."

But Oliver's trip across the nation has put him directly in contact with Labor and farm organiza-

tions going into politics with a real energy. Primary victories in Detroit, Akron, Canton, Cleveland and other cities are only part of the indication which in his opinion "have borne out completely the plan of organizing of the League."

He was in Detroit during the primary victory and believes that Labor will elect a mayor. Most of the automobile plants were closed during the primary campaign and workers in Detroit generally leave town at that time, he said. Now they are running full blast.

Full support to any move against police beatings was given by the American League Against War and Fascism.

**Sadists Among Cops**

At the Police Commissioner hearing, Wirin made a strong plea for adequate police protection for Sweetman.

"Special police protection," said Wirin, emphasizing the word "special," "Not the kind of police protection that young Mahoney got."

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"Our main effort there," he said, "will be on behalf of the wages and hours bill and for an adequate farm bill."

"We have taken a definite stand in support of farmers' objectives. We have found that the main problem so far as legislation is concerned, is to get a bill written to answer the needs of the farmers themselves rather than of the 'experts.'

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Bright spot of the campaign was the last minute acceptance of the AFL Labor Council of the proposal of the CIO council for the conduct of a joint campaign against the anti-picketing ordinance.

This joint campaign, coupled with the formal establishment of Labor's Non-Partisan League in San Francisco and on a statewide scale, held out for the future the prospect of fully united campaigns in the political field.

San Francisco

### Seven Counties Half-way In Daily Western Drive

County Quota Raised Per Cent

County	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
San Mateo	\$ 250	\$250.70	100.0
Santa Clara	250	159.55	64.0
Merced	150	90.00	60.0
Sonoma	300	173.15	57.7
Tulare	100	52.50	52.5
Monterey	300	154.58	51.3
San Francisco	7500	3750.00	50.0
Los Angeles	12500	4831.06	38.6
Alameda	3000	1115.47	37.1
San Bernardino	250	78.00	31.2
Sacramento	500	150.95	30.2
Stockton	100	30.00	30.0
Santa Barbara	500	140.33	28.0
Bakersfield	150	32.00	21.3
Fresno	150	30.00	20.0
Fort Bragg	200	38.00	19.0
San Diego	1000	188.58	18.8
Utah	250	35.00	14.0
Contra Costa	250	29.80	12.0
Eureka	250	23.10	9.2
Misc. Calif.	2450	17.00	0.6
Misc. Over Quota	1525		
Arizona	100		
New Mexico	100		
Wash., Idaho, Ore.	2775		
		\$35,000	32.0
Yet to be raised		23,770.85	68.0
Quota		\$35,000	100.0

### LABOR BACKS MOVE TO STOP BUYING GOODS

Peace Congress Asks Firm Stand Against Aggressors By Roosevelt

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 110,000 residents of Northern California threw their organized strength behind the movement to boycott Japanese goods, when their elected representatives at a Congress for Peace and Democracy last Sunday voted such action as the most effective immediate measure for peace.

Called by the American League Against War and Fascism, the Congress was attended by 49 delegates, representing 49 trade unions, both AFL and CIO, and 28 fraternal, church, women's and youth groups with a total membership of 111,082.

Hawaii Receives Its First  
CIO Charter--Timber News

# WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

## Victimization of Seamen by S. F. Hotel Is Exposed

### CHALLENGE TO HAWAII "BIG 5" HURLED BY CIO

Cannery and Agricultural Local Is Chartered In Honolulu

By a Worker Correspondent  
The CIO has come to one of Uncle Sam's farthest outposts in the Pacific—the Hawaiian Islands.

With the arrival in Honolulu three weeks ago of a charter from the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, the "melted pot of the Pacific" as it last gained recognition as an integral part of America's growing labor movement.

#### "Big 5" Rule

Isolated in the Pacific, 2100 miles from the mainland, Hawaii's workers for more than half a century have been the subjects of a business oligarchy that owns almost every square foot of fertile land in the islands and has a stranglehold on its most profitable industries—sugar, pineapples, shipping and coffee.

Five corporations rule Hawaii—the "Big 5" they are called: they are Castle & Cook, T. H. Davies, American Factors, C. Brewer and Co., and Alexander & Baldwin—and there isn't a bag of sugar or a can of pineapple leaving the territory that isn't handled by men and women employed by these corporate interests.

More than 60,000 workers of all races are employed in the sugar, pineapple, canning, and coffee industries. Most of them came from the Orient and the Philippines. They were imported by the sugar planters to satisfy a greed for cheap labor and enormous profits. They were imported in turn from China, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Japan and the Philippines.

#### Dollar a Day

A dollar a day and less was the standard wage when Hawaii was annexed to the United States 37 years ago. A dollar a day is still the average wage on the 38 plantations controlled by the Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Assn.

The coming of the CIO does not mean that this is the first attempt to organize Hawaii's exploited agricultural workers. In 1924 the Filipino workers organized and staged an island-wide strike for the eight-hour day and a two-dollar a day wage, under the leadership of Pablo Manlapit. The sugar planters immediately launched a campaign of terror that would make Girdler look like an amateur. Sixteen Filipinos were shot in the back and murdered in cold blood at Hanapepe, Kauai, by the planters' "enlisted deputies." Hundreds of willing young fascists were recruited at four bucks a day from Honolulu to break the strike. Thousands of other Filipinos were immediately imported from the Philippines to create a surplus of plantation labor.

#### Strike Broken

The strike was broken. Manlapit, the leader, was framed and deported, torn from an American wife and five small children. Other militant workers were hustled into the steerage of a Dolar boat and sent back to the Philippines.

The Filipino workers have not forgotten the 1924 terror. Today they are organizing again—but this time things are different.

#### Today Hav Support

Today they have the support of the other races. Today they have the support of Hawaii's three CIO waterfront unions, the Honolulu Longshoremen's Association, the Hilo Longshoremen, and the Kauai Waterfront Workers Association. Today they are building unions of all the races and not just a union for Filipinos.

Hawaiian Local 76 of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America will unite all of Hawaii's workers into one big union, regardless of race, creed, color, nationality, or political affiliation.

Today it will be difficult for the sugar planters to enlist one race to stab another or to hire one worker to shoot another worker in the back.

**Hearing Continued On Gun-Toting AFL Leader in Oakland**

OAKLAND—Preliminary hearings into charges against Lincoln E. Peters, Culinary Alliance business agent, accused of assaulting CIO organizers with a revolver, was continued until next Wednesday in Municipal Court No. 2 following the first session here last Wednesday, October 20.

### Tuolumne County's Timber Workers Are Advancing With CIO

By a Lumber Worker

JAMESTOWN, Tuolumne County—The union movement here in Tuolumne County has taken a new impetus under the guidance of Walter Rogers, the new organizer for the CIO International Woodworkers, and has arrived at the point where charges have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board against plants at both Tuolumne and Standard.

These are the West Side and Pickering Lumber companies, respectively.

#### Predict CIO Win

The timber workers have appointed Rogers organizer for one month; he has succeeded in bringing the union affairs to a head. The membership feels confident that any elections held in the above plants will give a rousing majority to the CIO 20th Century form of unionism.

The West Side Lumber Co. has exerted every form of pressure upon the workers of their plant, but has failed to shake the determination of the workers to stick to their program and demand that their union shall be recognized as sole collective bargaining agency.

The CIO hall has been watched by the bosses to find out which men belong to the CIO. The men would walk by without going in, leaving the bosses a fruitless vigil.

#### Men Blacklisted

The predominantly CIO night shift has been laid off and many have been blacklisted for union activity. I was hired by the Pickering Lumber Co. to go to work on the night shift. I was to report at 7 p.m. I was on the job at 6:40 p.m. but the boss had hired another man in my place at 6:30 and had gone home.

Since then, I have it on good authority that they have a blacklist a foot long, listing CIO men who have been laid off with a "Do Not Hire" notice on top of it.

The way I reconstruct it, the boss hired me and then consulted the list. No doubt he found my name right on the top of it. In a small community such as this, no one who was even a little bit progressive could escape being termed a red and a radical.

To illustrate—I met a man I knew today and this was the gist of what he said: "What are you doing? I lead you to organizing a union!" To my reply that I only helped, as little as that was, and to my query as to what gave him that idea, he made this astounding reply: "They always say, 'here comes that radical and agitator now,' always organizing unions and everything."

Inasmuch as I am blackballed and cannot get a job in the county, it makes it hard for me to get into the union and help it.

#### Stay Home Strike

The WPA workers in Sonora have gone on a "stay home strike," due to the hours per month being increased from 84 to 108 and the pay being cut at the same time from 48c an hour to 37c.

The men were asked to work the longer hours for the same monthly pay, but to do it identically the same work. An aged man has been the most militant of the group. He is considering a picket demonstration to try

### Unfurl Labor's Banner

Labor, Labor, must unite,  
In unity, there is might!  
Stand together, stand as one,  
There is work that must be done.

No boss, no master can prevent.  
Let the masters know your strength.  
Turn the tables, get a hold,  
You can, you must the cast remold.

Without workers no wheels turn,  
Without you, no candles burn;  
It is you, and you alone,  
Who must sit upon the throne.

You slave and build, but for whom?  
You dig and weave at the loom.  
You eat stew, they eat roasts—  
The few masters get the most.

It isn't fair, it isn't just,  
For masters turkey, for you a crust.  
Discard your fear, stand erect,  
But as one unit you must act.

All inventions you introduced.  
All the wealth you have produced.  
Labor's banner must be unfurled.  
It is you who feed the world.

—H. S., Los Angeles.

### TIMBER UNION MEN FIRED BY RED RIVER CO.

Labor Board to Hear Cases Of Discrimination in Lassen County

By a Timber Worker

WESTWOOD, Lassen County—A boy distributing CIO Labor Heralds was stopped by another youngster on the streets of Westwood last week and asked this question: "Say, Bill, are those CIO papers?"

"Yes," said Bill.

"Hey smoke, you'd better not pass them out, your old man is going to get fired."

This is only a sample of the fear that the Red River Lumber Co. has brought into Westwood in order to strengthen its pet company union (known as the IEU) and to kill the strong CIO sentiment which already exists here.

**Union Members Fired**

International Woodworkers of America members of Local 53 are being fired and demoted in large numbers.

The Red River Lumber Co. has stopped telling the workers that their reason for firing and demotion was because of non-membership in the company union. The company now gives as an excuse to fire IWA members, that the orders are slack.

Yes, it might be true that there is a lack of orders, but never in the history of Westwood has there been a man fired, they have always been laid off. Not so now.

**Anti-Union Discrimination**

IWA members who have been working here for eight to 13 years are being fired, and company union members who have only been employed for three or four months are taking their places.

But up here among the sugar pines, we of the Lumber & Sawmill local are not going to let the Red River boys tell us to quit a good union and join a company union in order to get our jobs back. Charges have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board against the company's unfair labor practices.

The labor board has already notified our union of an immediate hearing of this case. We will get these hearings around the latter part of November or sooner. All of this discrimination by the company and its union in collusion, has only intensified our organizational drive and has caused more sympathy for the CIO.

The Lumber & Sawmill Workers local will only be stamped out in Westwood by its complete annihilation. And that is impossible.

### Auxiliary Joins District Council

SAN FRANCISCO—For the first time in the history of the Maritime Federation District Council No. 2, a ladies auxiliary, Local 7 of the Longshoremen, was seated in the council last week.

Local 7 voted 5 to 1 for a CIO charter, and also voted to take in women relatives of all Federation members, in a recent referendum.

### Lumber Co. Starts Up Fake Union

By a Timber Worker

STANDARD, Tuolumne County—Latest news—the Pickering Lumber Co. started a company union last week. Looks like Mr. J. C. Raisenfoss, vice-president of the AFL, is following the lines of the 1937 AFL.

I'm not sure who started it but it looks like his work. He is falling in line with his pal, Fred Ellis, manager of Westside Lumber Co. of Tuolumne, who also has a company union.

Pressure by the Pickering Lumber Co. officials is being used against the green chain crew, where most of the men are CIO. Six men are required to do the work of 10. They are trying to get rid of all the CIO men by the speed-up system.

The men are told by our organizer to stick to the job, as the National Labor Relations Board man is due here for investigation, and will be here for three or four days and give this lay-out a good shake-up.

### Lodi Field Union Gets CIO Charter

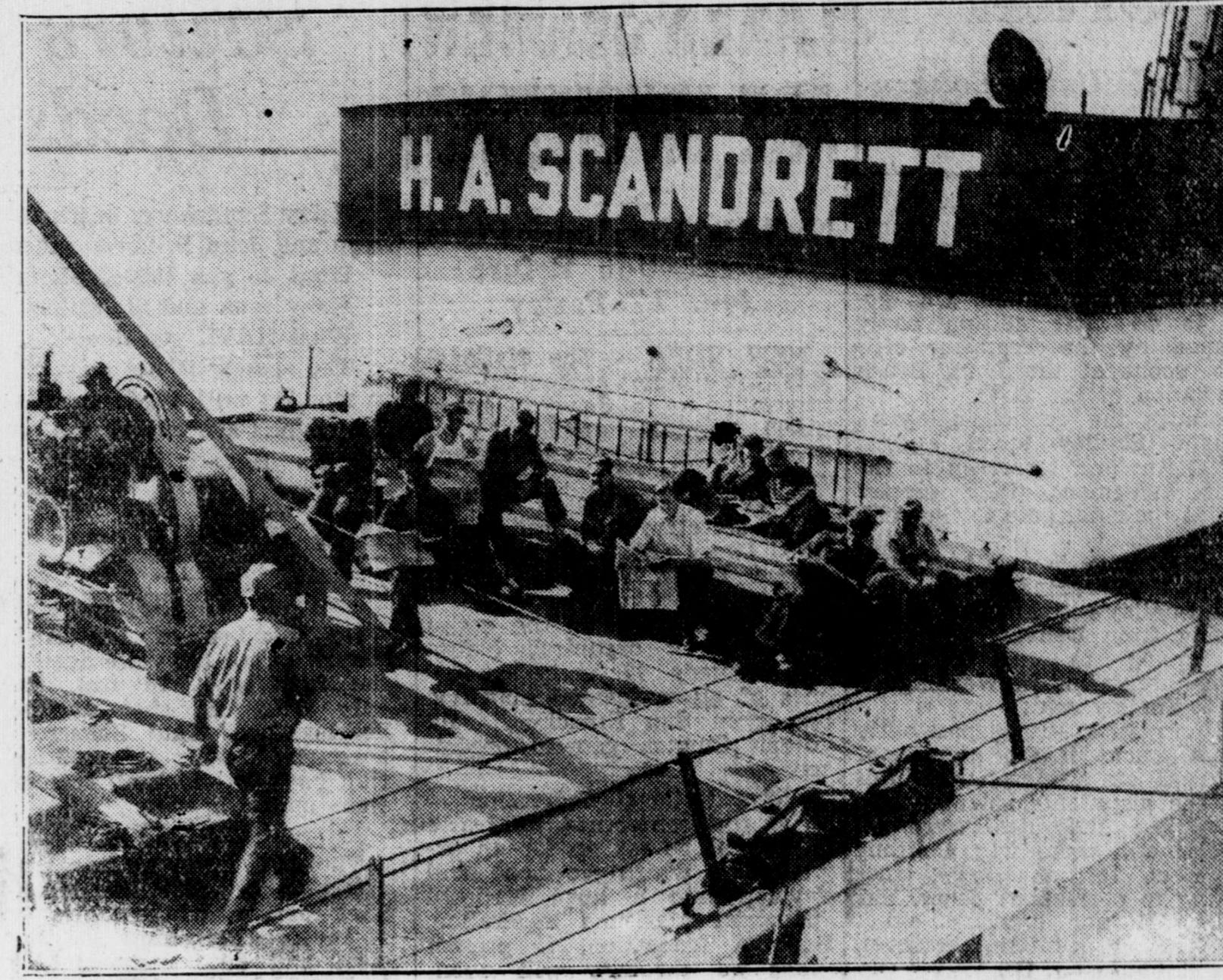
By an Agricultural Worker

LODI, San Joaquin County—The charter for our union in Lodi has been installed. We are known now as United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, CIO, Local 203, located at 215 North Sacramento St., Lodi.

Please let me know as soon as possible if we can send money to the Lincoln Brigade through the Western Worker.

NOTE: The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion should receive all donations, located at 715 Ashbury St., San Francisco.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.

### First CIO Strike on Great Lakes



THESE SEAMEN are some of the CIO Lake Seamen whose strike tied up the Great Lakes Transit Corp's freighter, H. A. Scandrett, and several other vessels.

### FISHING RULES ARE BRAZENLY FLOUTED BY JAPANESE SHIPS

U. S. Packers Ignore These Violations, Says Canner

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Many safeguards have been thrown around the Bristol Bay fisheries of Alaska and Bering Sea to prevent depletion and possible extinction of the salmon run in that area.

During the run which lasts about 30 days, there are two closed periods in each week—Sundays and Thursday. Inclement weather also allows further escapement of salmon to their spawning grounds. Fishing is limited to small sail boats—motor boats are prohibited.

**Violate All Rules**

Japanese invaders in the Bristol Bay and Bering Sea have completely ignored all these rules of preservation. They use motor boats. They fish 24 hours each day. They use four mile deep-water nets. They catch small undersized fish, and use one mile long trawls-lines.

Yet the packers have at no time made the feeblest of complaints. Why do the U. S. packers condone this criminal invasion?

Why do they ignore these invaders thus threatening extinction of Alaska's greatest basic industry? Is it because they don't know about it?

**Unions Protested**

We know such is not the case, as almost every maritime union in the U. S. has already protested this invasion of an industry that means the life of Alaska and the bread and butter of at least 7000 Alaska cannery workers, men and women. Their work was "ornamental steel work" at a lower rating.

**Put Officials On Spot**

The workers wanted to know why work should be officially called structural on Friday and ornamental on Monday, and frankly told the officials this was only to cheat them.

The Alliance obtained another appointment, and the men went back to their jobs, where they demanded the right to make up time lost in protesting. This was quickly granted them.

**Seniority Ignored**

A day or so later 40 men were transferred because of lack of funds, and the supervisors ignored all seniority rights; men 16 months on the project were transferred while friends of the supervisors or foremen were kept, even though many had not worked a week on the job.

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**Hallowe'en Party**

HAYWARD—A Hallowe'en masquerade party for the benefit of the daily Western Worker was announced here by the Hayward Branch of the Party today to be held at 771 Cherry Way in Hayward.

### The CIO Way

By a Worker Correspondent

Working man, wake from your dreaming, You don't know the power that you own. With wealth all around you, you're starving. There's misery and want in your home.

Why should the rich man's children Have all the good things today? You labor and do the producing, To them, life is nothing but play.

Why should your wife be a drudge? Denied the good things of life? Why should you fear the future? And bear all the burdens and strife?

Awake, arise from your dreaming, Join with your comrades today; The time is at hand fellow workman, The CIO shows you the way.

—B. M.

### Westwood Union Men Fired

By Red River Lumber Co.

### Clothes Seized by Mgr. in Violation of U. S. Statutes

SAN FRANCISCO—One often hears at the business meetings of the Sailors Union communications from landlords and other creditors, complaining that some sailors have not paid their debts yet, contracted during the last strike.

To a certain extent they are justified to demand that members of the Sailors Union discharge their obligations. However, here is a story that points the other way around which will set a precedent as to how greedy landlords victimize poor sailors under the false pretense that they owe money, using the rapacious tactic of holding personal belongings until the said victim pays up a fictitious debt.

**Raps Hotel Manager**

As an outstanding example, we find the manager of the Sunset Hotel, Market St., fits into this classification. As a matter of fact, this "union loving" individual would have to peddle show strings if it were not for trusting seamen who patronize him instead of shunning his hostility like plague.

a few days ago, I had a sad experience with this vulture, after staying over a month in this dump, where this brave individual threatened to do me physical harm, work me over with his feet French-Canadian style,

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## PREDICT CIO WILL WIN IN L. A. POSTAL

### Point of Order

*A Trade Union Column*

By JOHN BROMAN

Radio Telegraphists Assn. Official Cites Low Average Wage

(ARTA Local 32A Press Release)

LOS ANGELES—More than 530 Postal Telegraph workers in Los Angeles, Southern California and Arizona are prepared to support the action taken by the CIO through the American Radio Telegraphists Assn., in filling with the National Labor Relations Board a petition for a national election to determine bargaining rights of the employees under the Wagner Act.

The petition was filed directly with the NLRB in Washington, D.C., by Lee Pressman, chief CIO counsel.

#### Predict Victory

ARTA members here expressed certainty that the election will be won by a smashing majority in this district, and were sure the national vote could be at least 5 to 1 for the CIO.

L. F. Dalby, local secretary, said Postal workers throughout the country are underpaid, overworked and realize their salvation lies only in the CIO.

#### Wages Are Low

"The average salary of a Los Angeles Postal employee is approximately \$16.50 per week," he said. "We work an average of 48 hours per week."

"These hours and wages are far from those the nation as a whole believes workers should be paid.

"All we ask at this time is that the company recognize our union as the sole collective bargaining agency for the entire United States. We are certain that once this recognition is won, negotiations leading to a contract favorable to our demands will be instituted."

William Spooner Takes Beating in Own Union

OAKLAND—William Spooner, reactionary AFL Central Labor Council official, took a beating in his own union, Cooks & Waiters No. 31, recently when a progressive, John Lee, was elected to the new organizer's job. Lee received 196 votes to 169 for Jack Campbell, Spooner's candidate.

### Point of Order

## 30,000 GREAT LAKES SEAMEN ARE UNIONIZING

Nat'l Maritime Union Plans Organization Before Jan. 17 Parley

NEW YORK—The National Maritime Union announced inauguration of a drive to bring 30,000 seamen employed on Great Lakes ships and harbor craft into the CIO.

In charge will be M. Hedley Stone, secretary-treasurer of the NMU Great Lakes Division, and Adrian Duffy, regional organizational director.

"We hope to have the entire lakes district organized before the January 17 unity conference of all unlicensed maritime unions in San Francisco," said Joseph Curran, general organizer.

#### Plan National Federation

"At that conference, the frame will be set up for an organization which we hope will develop into a huge National Industrial Maritime Federation. Such a federation, if present plans go through, will eventually include some three-quarters of a million persons engaged, directly or indirectly, in the marine transportation in the U.S."

"Plans for the federation were outlined at the national conference of the Committee for Industrial Organization in Atlantic City.

"Formation of a federation will solve one of the most pressing problems now confronting marine and harbor workers—the problem of unity. Unity of purpose, unity of program, unity of action."

The NMU has a temporary agreement with the Poker Fleet on the Great Lakes.

#### ASK CIO CHARTERS

DECATUR, Ala.—Applications for CIO charters have been made by the Boymakers & Woodworkers of Alabama, and by the Lumber Workers of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

es admiration for Green, who called for unprincipled war against the CIO, who called for a fight against the best piece of labor legislation ever seen in this country—the Wagner Labor Act.

In other words, instead of fighting back against the unprincipled men who hired "goons" to beat up himself and others, Shelley surrenders. He expresses

we will not agree to any program which will limit or prohibit or prevent this great work of enrolling American workers in a modern labor movement from going on.

#### For Political Freedom

We are not only fighting for economic emancipation of the millions of Americans who work for a living but we are fighting also for their political emancipation and political freedom of action, the right to live in communities free from corporations' domination to a point that limits and circumscribes their political rights and political actions.

The work performed by the CIO in that respect was made apparent in the campaign of 1936 when President Roosevelt was overwhelmingly elected. He received the strongest support from the industrial regions heretofore known. In Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, in New Jersey, in New York and elsewhere, industrial community after industrial community, for the first time in their history, the workers dared to come out and publicly support a liberal candidate for high office in American politics. That record is unique in itself.

Political action on the part of American workers will be a natural by-product of economic freedom obtained through the right to organize and through economic bargaining. I have confidence that the workers of this country, given the right to do so, will in the future work out their own method of political participation with an intelligence that reflects their understanding of their own problems and their desire to make a contribution to the perpetuity of our form of government and the preservation of American institutions. The fact that labor wants an increased participation in the natural bounties of our nation and in the increased efficiency in its great industrial enterprises, does not mean that labor is opposed to the government or desires any change in our form of government, and labor desires to uphold and maintain those institutions in America that contribute toward the economic and political emancipation of its citizens with the right of participation by all.

#### Lost Confidence in AFL

Why? Because unorganized workers in America's modern industries had lost confidence in the AFL, because for a life time millions of them have been looking to the AFL for some help and succor, and because for that lifetime the AFL did not give them that help in any way in which they could avail themselves, and because they could not believe that the Federation could do that job.

Let that not be the thought now. Because the representatives of the CIO if these conferences eventuate, and if the August American Federation of Labor executive council sitting this afternoon in Denver, Colorado, should finally decide they will unbend sufficiently to meet us,

So do not let yourselves be diverted for one moment by this gunfire of criticism from hostile sources that seek to di-

## Green 'Promises' Sailors But CIO Deeds Show Path

Harry Lundeberg, in his famous "best offer" letters to William Green and John L. Lewis, asked, in effect:

What do you PROMISE to do?

Many rank and file sailors would like to know, in addition:

What HAVE you done?

The answer is not only of interest to sailors but to other union men, as well, for it reveals what the attitudes of the CIO and AFL council are toward the workers' struggle and their efforts to organize. Here is the record on some important matters:

### AFL Record

#### COPELAND FINK BOOK

No member of the AFL council raised his voice against the fink book. In fact, the only AFL big shot at the hearings was Paul Scharrenberg who heartily endorsed the fink book to which all seamen were opposed.

#### GREAT LAKES ORGANIZATION

The AFL never made a real effort to organize the industrial carriers on the lakes for it involved cracking the big steel and auto companies, a task which the AFL council always sabotaged.

#### EAST COAST STRIKE

The AFL convention last year declared the strike illegal and its stooges in the maritime industry, Ivan Hunter and Joseph P. Ryan, were the shipowners' chief weapon against the strike in their effort to wreck the growing solidarity of East and West Coast seamen.

#### SEAMEN'S RIGHTS

The recent AFL convention in Denver took no action at all on the Maritime Commission's infringement upon the seamen's right to strike. It took no action at all on any threats to the seamen's unions by government agencies.

### Fight Open-Shop

WASHINGTON—Long an open shop stronghold, the Pennsylvania Railroad shops are now the object of an organizational drive by the AFL Railway Employees' Department. Crafts involved are

### On Pennsy R. R.

machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, carmen, stationary firemen and oilers, coach cleaners, power house employees, shop laborers.

### Memorial Endorsed By Maritime Body

SAN FRANCISCO—District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific has endorsed the Haymarket Memorial exercises being sponsored by the Int'l. Labor Defense, to take place at the Haymarket Monument, Chicago, on November 11. The tribute will honor five workers who gave their lives in the fight for the eight-hour day.

## S. F. SCALERS RECEIVE NEW CIO CHARTER

SUP Officials Muscling in On Scalers' Work in Matson Line

SAN FRANCISCO—The new CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union charter was installed at a recent membership meeting of the Ship Scalers' & Painters' Union, formerly ILA 38-100 and now known as ILWU 1-2.

Through cooperation of the rank and file and officials of the Marine Firemen, the Scalers are now doing work below decks on Matson Line ships. Firemen refused to do this work while in port.

SUP Heads Uncooperative

Sailors' Union officials recently renewed the SUP agreement with Matson giving the deck gang jurisdiction over chipping, painting and other work on deck, which is recognized by most companies and seamen as Scalers' work, particularly in this port.

Not content with the Matson work the SUP officials recently allowed a gang of sailors to paint over the side of the American Fisher, despite the fact this work is specifically allotted to the Scalers agreements with fish reduction ship operators.

While fish reduction ships are in port it has been the practice to knock off the sailors for a period of ten days or longer. When contacted, the SUP officials refused to cooperate and kept the paint gang working although ship operators declared they were willing to hire Scalers.

The CIO conference adopted a resolution in Atlantic City condemning efforts of the Maritime Commission to break strikes through "mutiny" charges. It also protested ruling of the Parole Board regarding Robert Fitzgerald from assuming duties of secretary of the San Francisco branch of the Marine Firemen's Union.

### Tories Pay for Tear Gas

PHILADELPHIA—Pierre S. duPont and other prominent Philadelphia eastern industrialists are supplying money for the purchase and use of tear gas against CIO organizers and union members. The Philadelphia Record revealed in a copyrighted story after investigation of an organization known as the "Minute Men & Women of Today."

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### Sharecroppers

Do you know that because a man is underpaid, his child has more chance of dying than a man who gets a reasonable wage? Do you know that the sharecroppers of the South who live on their \$170 or \$180 a year are neither economic, social nor political assets to this nation because they get \$170 or \$180 a year. A sharecropper can contribute nothing to the prosperity of the city of Detroit, or the State of Michigan which has an automobile industry, because he cannot buy an automobile. A sharecropper contributes nothing to the prosperity of the furniture industry in Grand Rapids because he cannot buy furniture. They will learn to improve their leisure, avail themselves of it. They will know what to do with it. It does not need any special training for an American citizen who only gets \$50 a year to know what to do with another \$100 if he gets it.

### Depend on CIO

Americans cannot eat or live on platitudes or musical phrases—they want buying power—they want shorter hours. Give them buying power and shorter hours and they will improve their economic and their social status. They will learn to improve their leisure, avail themselves of it. They will know what to do with it. It does not need any special training for an American citizen who only gets \$50 a year to know what to do with another \$100 if he gets it.

### Up to Labor

Economically, socially and politically they are nothing and yet they are human beings and they are citizens. It is for the labor movement to demand a participation by these people in the bounties and the blessings, material and otherwise in our country which are ample for the provision and the participation of.

### No one else will do it, because just as long as American insurance companies are free to do so, they will continue on those great Southern tracts of land, exploiting in the same heartless fashion, those unfortunate human beings who are quartered there just as long will we have a segment of the population who can make no contribution to America's greatness or America's destiny.

### Let This Fight Go On

For my own part I am happy to have contributed my small strength associating with so many millions of others, to the changing of this situation and to the bringing of a better day in America.

### Let this fight go on, let there be no sacrifice, let there be no suspension of effort. The CIO is organized on a basis where there will be no termination of its efforts.

There will be even an increase in the size of its instrumental and its employment of its field forces. Let nothing discourage you in carrying on, and carry the message to our people who are waiting to hear it, and I am satisfied that when the message is delivered, they will recompense you by associating themselves with this great forward movement.

## RED-BAITERS STILL ACTIVE IN PAINTERS'

Two More Union Members Combat Charges in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Trial of Don Healy, business agent for Painters' District Council No. 36, on charges of Communist Party membership was postponed on Friday, October 16, when similar charges were leveled against two members of the trial board, Sam Abrams and Frank Kadish.

Along with five other Painters' Union members, Abrams and Kadish have been charged with membership in the C. P. as a result of their progressive record.

### Tool for Reactionaries

Nathan Roe, renegade from the C. P., has acted as the tool of a strong line-up of reactionary officials in the present drive to oust all progressive leaders from the union. Roe made the charges against all seven men.

In addition to Healy, Hugh Campbell, council secretary; James Meeks, council chairman; Sam Adele, business agent; and Samuel Schultz, Local 831 member, were recently the objects of identical charges.

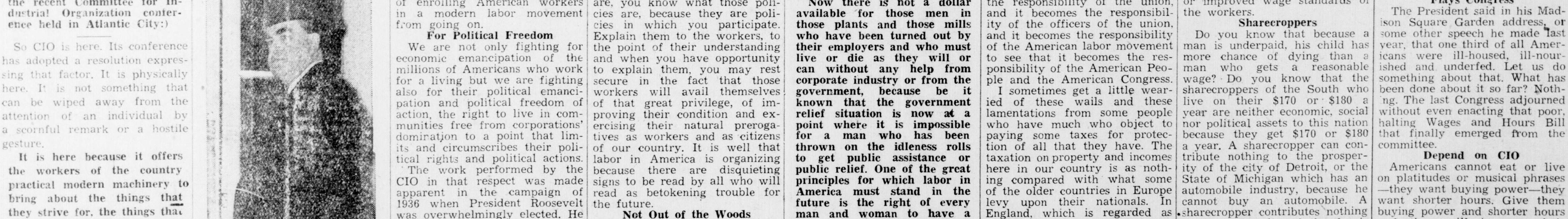
### Set Trial Oct. 30

As a result of the disqualification of Kadish and Abrams, council delegates elected two new members to the trial board. Under present plans, Healy, Campbell, Meeks, Adele, and Schultz will all stand trial together on Saturday October 30.

### S. F. Meet to Map Maritime Unity

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**The March Forward of the CIO—As Told by John L. Lewis**

(Following is the second and concluding installment of John L. Lewis' closing speech at the recent Committee for Industrial Organization conference held in Atlantic City.)

Now there is not a dollar available for those men in those plants and those mills who have been turned out by their employers and who must live or die as they will or can without any help from corporate industry or from the government, because it is known that the government relief situation is now at a point where it is impossible for a man who has been thrown on the idleness rolls to get public assistance or public relief. One of the great principles for which labor in America must stand in the future is the right of every man and woman to have a job, to earn their living if they are willing to work.

We have heard much about the right to work. Well, let our people work. They have a right to a job. If the corporations which control American industry fail to provide them with that job in their management of industry's affairs, then there must be some power, somewhere in this land of ours that will go over and above and beyond those corporations with all their influence and power and provide a job and insure the right to live for that American.

The longer the Congress of the United States and the administration in power dawdles and fundamental proposition, just so long will America be in economic turmoil. And it is up to the organizations of labor in our country in this day of your and my existence to demand action on that thing, to demand security for our membership. Hundreds of thousands of men who makes over \$1200 per year has to pay 25 per cent of his income in this form of taxes for the necessary protection of English citizens and English workers.

I presume that seems terrible to our corporations, to our banks, and to our industries, and to our great captains of finance and industry. Yet let me say that the desire to live and the desire to be secure in our old age is just as strong in the hearts and minds of the men and women who work for their living as it can be in the hearts of any banker or any industrialist or coupon clippers in America, and American labor is determined to see that this economic situation here in our country will be remedied.

There is work for our movement, and because there is work for our movement, there is support for our movement. There is the support of countless numbers of Americans who for decades have been denied their rights, their privileges and participations, who have seen their children die from malnutrition and from diseases which followed, who have been unable to live decently, who have been unable to give proper medical attention, who have been unable to give proper education to their children, because those who have been the masters of this country in the realm of industry and finance and corporate powers have not given them sufficient consideration. You know that the Department of Public Health has made public figures which reveal

that the death rate of American workers progressively goes down or up according to the debased or improved wage standards of the workers.